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Re: Confidential Financial Information Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 14-58, 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission
2014 ETC Annual Report of Brandenburg Telephone Company SAC 260398

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of Brandenburg Telephone Company, attached are confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Brandenburg Telephone Company seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial and network information.

As specified in the Protective Order issued on June 17, 2015 by the Commission, two copies of the redacted confidential information are being filed simultaneously with the non-redacted confidential information. The redacted information for this filing and each page of the file where confidential information has been omitted is marked "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION"

Sincerely,

Eileen M Bodamer, Consultant to Brandenburg Telephone Company

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cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0956/OMB Control No. 3060-0815

July 2013

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS

54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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(check box when complete)

<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<500> Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510> 260398KY510.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600> Functionality in Emergency Situations	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610> 260398KY610.pdf	(attached descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> 260398KY1010.pdf	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

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**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbradley@bbtel.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

260398KY112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
- <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable

**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbradley@bbtel.com
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings

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(B00) Operating Companies

Data Collection Form

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc.
<811>	Holding Company	Brandenburg Communications Corp.
<812>	Operating Company	Brandenburg Telephone Company, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

<921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions. <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning; <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner; <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Select Yes or No or Not Applicable </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; right: 0; height: 20px; background: repeating-linear-gradient(45deg, transparent, transparent 2px, black 2px, black 4px);"></div> </div>
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NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR TRIBAL DISCLOSURE

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbradley@bbtel.com

<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	rbradley@bbtel.com

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://home.bbtel.com/lifeline.html>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

NEEDS TO BE FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	RANDALL BRADLEY
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	2704222121 ext.
		rbradley@bdtel.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
 <2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
 <2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

[3000] Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

FCC Form 481

Data Collection Form

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
 Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

260398KY3010.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☒

260398KY3012.pdf

- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))
 (3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

(Yes/No)



Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)
 (3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows



- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

(Yes/No)



If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☒

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☒

- (3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit ☒

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, ☐

- (3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

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- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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[3000] Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: BRANDENBURG TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/29/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Allison Willoughby	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2704222121 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 260398	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0285/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: 06/26/2015
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form FCC Form 481
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RESEARCH FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Brandenburg Telephone Company
260398KY112

Five Year Network Improvement Plan

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Brandenburg Telephone Company
47 CFR§54.313(a)(5) Certification that it is complying with applicable service quality
standards and consumer protection rules
Voice and Broadband Services

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make “a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers.” The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA’s Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement” and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.² In this context, the FCC stated, “to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement.”

Brandenburg Telephone Company (“Company”) hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KAR). These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of KRS Chapter 278.541 to 278.544 and 807 KAR 5:011, which disclose rates, terms and conditions of service to customers;
- (2) adherence to Kentucky state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which include Consumer protections as identified in KRS Chapter 278.546, Pricing Procedures as illustrated in KRS Chapter 278.542(1), and Compliance with Anti-Slamming Procedures as adopted in KRS Chapter 278.535;
- (3) truth-in-billing requirements as required in 807 KAR 5:061, Section 13; and
- (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers’ privacy; and
- (5) Records maintenance and service objectives reporting required under 807 KAR 5:061, Section 4 (4) related to the following: i) Provision of Service – 807 KAR 5:061, Section 10(1); ii) Dial Service Requirements – 807 KAR 5:061, Section 15(1) and (2); iii) Answering Time – 807 KAR 5:061, Section 22(1) and (2); and iv) Service Interruption – 807 KAR 5:061, Section 25(3) and (4).

Brandenburg Telephone Company actively complies with state and federal consumer protection requirements for broadband services as may apply. Per its understanding of its requirements, Brandenburg Telephone Company discloses its network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of service to its existing and potential subscribers.

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) (“*2005 ETC Order*”).

² *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: “(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy.” *Id.* at n. 71.

Brandenburg Telephone Company
Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations
Voice and Broadband Services
47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2)

Brandenburg Telephone Company ("Company") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 54, Subpart C, §54.202(a)(2) as well as and the Kentucky Administrative Regulations, 807 5:061, Section 24¹. The Company's network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2).

The Company meets its state and federal requirements by deploying battery back-up capability throughout its network that allows it to remain fully operational even when power outages preclude use of an external power source. Each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running for at least the minimum of four (4) hours. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. The back bone for the Company's voice and broadband networks are fully redundant and / or operate in a ring configuration for instantaneous redirection of traffic in the event of facility damage. This ability to change its call routing also allows the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

Additionally, the Company maintains a written plan in place to meet service emergencies resulting from failures of power service, sudden and prolonged increase in traffic, fire, storm, or

¹ (1) Each telephone utility shall have a written plan to meet service emergencies resulting from failures of power service, sudden and prolonged increase in traffic, fire, storm, or acts of God. Each telephone utility shall train employees in procedure to be followed in an emergency. (2) All central offices and toll centers shall adequately provide for emergency power. Each central and/or toll office shall have a minimum of four (4) hours of battery reserve. In exchanges exceeding 5,000 lines and in toll offices, a permanent auxiliary power unit shall be installed. In offices without installed emergency power facilities there shall be a mobile power unit available of suitable capacity which can be delivered and connected within two (2) hours, or one-half (1/2) the battery reserve time, whichever is greater.

acts of God, and has trained employees on emergency procedures. The Company also deploys carrier diversity wherever practical in its broadband and voice networks.

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Certification with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 Brandenburg Telephone Company is required to provide:

A letter certifying that the pricing of the company's voice services is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

The basic residential voice service benchmark rate is no more than \$47.48.¹ As shown below, the company is below this rate.

Basic Exchange Service:	\$ 14.00
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¹Public Notice, DA 15-470, released April 16, 2015

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Certification with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(1)(i)

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(f)(1)(i) Brandenburg Telephone is required to provide:

A letter certifying that it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Brandenburg Telephone provides throughout its service area broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol. Its service is provided without usage limits and is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey¹. Requests for 4/1 service are met within the company's standard installation interval.

¹ *Wireline Competition Bureau Staff Report*, released June 30, 2014. Table 7: "Estimates of Average Monthly Rate Plus 2 Standard Deviations Based on the Linear Regression Model."

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47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(1)(ii)

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(1)(ii), the company is required to provide (ii) The number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Brandenburg Telephone Company did not newly provide access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year to any community anchor institutes; all such entities were served prior to that year.

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